GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
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ATROCITIES ON SC/STS
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether various organisations of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes have made complaints that no interest is shown in filing cases, making investigations and producing challans in the court under the Prevention of Atrocities against Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Act in various states of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of cases registered in Rajasthan under the Act during each of the last four years i.e. from April 1, 1999 till date;

(d) the number of cases out of them wherein challan was produced alongwith the number of cases wherein the accused were punished/acquitted by the courts;

(e) whether the Union Government have received any proposal to take strong action on the basis of the provisions of this special Act to provide social status to these communities;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI S. B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) & (b)The representations received from various forums in regard to alleged offences under the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 are referred to the concerned State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for appropriate action, as the provisions of the Act are implemented by them.

(c)& (d) The details of cases registered, charge sheeted, convicted and acquitted under the Act in Rajasthan during last four calendar years are given below:-

Year	Number of Cases Registered	Charge sheeted	Convicted	Acquitted
1998	6858	2915	240	1600
1999	6838	3921	236	2359
2000	6679	3057	293	2109
2001	5915	1966	290	1678

(e), (f) & (g) There have been expressions from various quarters regarding effective implementation of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989.The State Governments/Union Territory Administrations have been requested to implement provisions of the Act in letter and spirit. The provisions of the Act provide for punishment for offences of atrocities by a non-scheduled Caste or a non-Scheduled Tribe person on a person belonging to a Scheduled Caste or a Scheduled Tribe, thus, instilling in them a feeling of social dignity and status.